

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

75. (currently amended) A transformer comprising:

a converter including an input for receiving unspecified media content, said converter providing:

at least one media block corresponding to a portion of said media content, and

a media content identifier describing a content of said portion of media content;

a storage managing unit coupled to said converter to receive said at least one media block and said associated media content identifier,

said storage ~~manager~~ managing unit providing a storage address for said at least one media block;

a translator configured to relate said storage address to said media content identifier, said transformer thereby enabling random retrieval of stored media content in response to receiving a description of media content to be retrieved.

76. (previously presented) The transformer of claim 75 wherein said converter input is coupled to at least one encoder selected from the group comprising: MPEG, AVI and DIVX, said transformer enabling retrieval of media content blocks based on said associated media content identifier regardless of selected encoder.

77. (previously presented) The transformer of claim 75 wherein said media content identifier comprises at least one of program name, program start time, program end time, channel, duration, and key word.

78. (previously presented) The transformer of claim 75 wherein at least one of said portions of media content comprises a single frame of said media content and wherein said single frame is retrievable from storage based on said associated media content identifier.

Claims 79-89 canceled